

# 08 OUR FAITHFUL GOD

KEY TEXT: PSALM 105:1-11,42-45

## CENTRAL truth

Pastor and author Tony Merida has said, “If you’re a Christian, the history of the people of God is your history.”<sup>1</sup> Psalm 105 recalls God’s faithfulness on Israel’s behalf and offers up a song of praise. In Christ, we are beneficiaries of the Lord’s kindness and love. **The Lord is faithful toward His people.**

## key question

**What is the purpose of this psalm? How is praise a significant part of this psalm?**

The author of this psalm recalls God’s faithfulness on Israel’s behalf and offers up a song of praise. The psalm begins by calling God’s people to praise the Lord and reflect on what He has done while telling others about His wonderful works. We are called to remember the Lord’s character and work in our lives and celebrate Him.

## keep in mind

- The Lord who governs the whole earth has revealed Himself to His covenant people. Therefore, the psalmist refers to the Lord as “our God.” Like the psalmist, we can delight in the fact that the Lord is “our God.” Students need to be reminded that God is not distant, cold toward us, or out of touch, but a God who is near to and provides for His people.
- In verse 44, we find out there were already people living in the land that God gave to the Israelites. This may seem unjust and unkind. Using this session’s **History Note** to help you, help students to discover that God giving this land to the Israelites demonstrated His faithfulness as well as His judgment of the wicked peoples residing in the land.

## application

**How have we seen the Lord’s faithfulness and provision in our small group or larger church family?**

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**FOR THE STUDENT:** Help students to understand that the Lord is not a distant God who breaks His promises. Rather, He is loyal to His people and is always true to His Word.

**FOR THE LEADER:** As you teach students about the Lord’s faithfulness this week, you have the opportunity to help them to see the importance of living a life of gratitude in response to who the Lord is and what He has done.

<sup>1</sup> Daniel L. Akin, Johnny M. Hunt, and Tony Merida, *Exalting Jesus in Psalms 101–150*, Christ-Centered Exposition, David Platt, Daniel L. Akin, and Tony Merida, ed. (Nashville, TN: Holman Reference, 2021), Logos Bible Software Version, 51.